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SINCE the Carnival ended, 'tis computed that Forty Thouſand Strangers are gone from hence, reckoning among them the Officers who are returned to their Winter-Quarters, and are ordered to hold themſelves in readineſs to take the Field in April next. General Schulenbourg ſets out next Week for the Levant; from whence 'tis adviſed, that the Turks are making very great Preparations, as if they deſigned to make ſome conſiderable Attempt on that ſide. The Earl of Peterborow left this Place on the 24th Inſtant, in order to go to Rome. This Morning died Sir Francis Bridgeman, who had been out of England 28 Years, and this Evening all the Britiſh Merchants, and others of that Nation here, will attend his Funeral. On the 20th General Schulenbourg dined with M. Cunningham, his Britannick Majeſty's Reſident, together with the Lord Burford and the Lord Naſſaw Pawlet; and on the 22d the ſame Company were entertained by the Prince Royal of Poland. 'Tis adviſed from Rome, that the Elector of Bavaria has cauſed a Preſent to be made to Don Carlo Albani, of a Diamond worth Five hundred Piſtoles; and that the Pope does particular Honours to his Sons the two Princes of Bavaria who lately arrived. Here are ſeveral Convoys making ready to ſail to the Levant, one of them has already on board a conſiderable Sum of Money, and large Stores of Ammunition and Proviſions of all ſorts.

Genoa, March 9. On the 2d of this Month an Engliſh Merchant Ship, Captain Metcalf Commander, happening to take Fire, a Quantity of Powder that was in the Cabin blew up, by which her Sides being opened ſhe preſently ſunk. She had in her Hold about an hundred Barrels of Powder that lay with the Balaſt, but by great Providence that Powder did not take Fire; if it had, the Port would have been deſtroyed. About two Months ago a French Veſſel was loſt in the like Manner. Theſe Accidents, which might have proved ſo deſtructive to the Port, the Ships at Anchor, and the City it ſelf, have determined this Republick to make a Law to oblige all Captains of Merchantmen to ſend their Powder aſhore, before they come into the Harbour; but to preſerve the Privilege of the Ships not being ſearched, the Order is to be ſent always to the Captains by the Conſul of their Nation.

Berne, March 13. The Deputies of this State who went lately to Neuville, a little Town on the Lake of Bienne in Comburgherſhip with this Canton, to endeavour to reconcile the Magiſtrates and People of that Place who have been long at Variance, returned hither Yeſterday, after having made there ſuch Diſpoſitions as may re-eſtabliſh good Harmony, if the Biſhop of Pointru who is their Prince, will acquieſce therein. The French Ambaſſador has not yet called a Dyet of all the Cantons as uſual, to preſent his Credentials and be acknowledged by them, but it is ſaid he will do it ſoon after Eaſter. However, he acts as a Publick Miniſter, and has lately notified to the Cantons the Concluſion of the Treaty of Defenſive Alliance between Great Britain, France and Holland.

Copenhagen, March 16. To Day the King ſet out from hence, with deſign to ſee the Preparations made on this Iſland, as well as on Laland, for maintaining conſtantly a Number of Horſe on the Lands of his Majeſty's own Demeſnes: His Majeſty is expected back in a Fortnight. The Ports in the Baltick have been ſo frozen up till within theſe few Days, that it muſt have been very difficult for any Veſſel to get out; ſo that we have no freſh Accounts of the Condition of the Swediſh Fleet at Carlſcrona: The fitting out of ours is continued with all poſſible Diligence. Friday laſt being the Birth-Day of Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales, the Lord Polwarth, His Britannick Majeſty's Miniſter here, treated on that Occaſion the Principal Miniſters, General Officers and Lords of the Court, as alſo all the Foreign Miniſters reſiding in this City.

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